

## Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) Council

### DRAFT Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Meeting Held Google Meet

<b>Council Members Present</b>	<b>Council Members Absent</b>
Patricia (PJ) West – Department of Public Health - <b>Chairperson</b>	Dr. Michael Fleming – University of Northern Iowa
Stephanie Stebens -Citizen Representative – <b>Vice Chairperson</b>	Monica Garner – Department of Education
Billie Marchik – University of Iowa	Dr. Anthony Santiago - Iowa State University
Bill Brand – Department of Human Rights	Eudora Beckley – Citizen Representative
Shawna Johansen – Business Representative	
Alison Sidwell – Iowa Workforce Development	
Zebulon Beilke-McCallum – Domestic Violence Representative	
Nicole Berensmann – Citizen Representative	
Paige Buchanan – Department of Human Services	
<b>Ex-Officio Members Present</b>	<b>Ex-Officio Members Absent</b>
Senator Claire Celsi	Rep. Marti Anderson
Rep. Anne Osmundson	Senator Jim Carlin
<b>FaDSS Council Staff Present</b>	<b>FaDSS Council Staff Absent</b>
Lorie Easter - Department of Human Rights	
Page Eastin – Department of Human Rights	
Donna Bura - Department of Human Rights	
Angela Madison—Department of Human Services	
<b>Others Present</b>	Katherine Harrington-ICAA
Mindy Williamson – WCCA	Nicole Griesse - NEICAC
Mindy Clayton - MICA	Doug Stodgel- Polk County
Jenn Dykshoorn - LSI	Karli Schmelzer - NEICAC
Katie Christensen - MATURA	Mindy Dolan – Operation Threshold
Alisa Schlieff - UDMO	Danna Buls - MATURA
Mallory Berkenpas - LSI	Julie Weber Davis – Four Oaks
Janet Hamlin - WCCA	Peg Ranger - YSS
Wendy Mueller - WCCA	Keith Bruck - WCCA
Sarah Nelson – WCCA	Shellie West - WCCA

### **Introductions**

- PJ West, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
- Quorum was established. (11:27)

### **Approval of Agenda** – PJ West, Chairperson (After quorum was established)

#### **Motion:**

Zeb Beilke-McCallum moved that the agenda be approved. Billie Marchik seconded the motion.

#### **Vote:**

All council members voted aye. The agenda was approved.

### **Approval of March 25, 2021 Council Minutes** – PJ West, Chairperson (After quorum was established)

#### **Motion:**

Zeb Beilke-McCallum moved that the March 25, 2021 be approved. Billie Marchik seconded the motion.

#### **Vote:**

All council members voted aye. The minutes of March 25, 2021 were approved.

### **Council Representatives' Updates** – All Members

- Alison Sidwell from Iowa Workforce Development shared that Promise Jobs participation will resume June 1, 2021.
- Bill Brand updated the council about the FaDSS Program and providing home visits. With the new CDC recommendations, the DCAA will be reviewing protocols and requirements for future home visits. He also shared that the FaDSS program will receive an additional one million dollar appropriation for FY22 which starts July 1, 2021. Bill thanked everyone that has advocated for the FaDSS Program over the years. It has been 7 years since the FaDSS Program has received an increase in funding.

### **IFDA Update** – Julie Weber Davis – Four Oaks

Julie informed the Council that the next IFDA meeting is on June 10<sup>th</sup> and they will be voting on a new Co-Chair. IFDA will also continue discussions about joining the ICAA conference next year for the next IFDA retreat.

### **Funding FY22** – Lorie Easter

Lorie Easter shared that the FaDSS Program received an additional one million dollars for the 2022 Fiscal year that starts July 1, 2021. The Council will need to meet to approve the new budget allocations to grantees in June. Lorie will send out a Doodle Poll to the Council to determine the date of the June meeting.

### **Website Council Member Resource Guide** – Page Easton

Page Easton shared the link to the online Council Member Resource Guide on the Department of Human Rights website. It's a great place for new Council members to learn about the Council and the current FaDSS projects.

**Approval FaDSS Council Schedule for FY22** –Page Easton (After quorum was established)  
(Handout Provided)

Page Eastin presented the proposed FY22 FaDSS Council meetings dates to the Council. The dates are as follows: September 16, 2021--November 18, 2021--March 24, 2022--May 19, 2022.

**Motion:**

Zeb Beilke-McCallum moved that the FaDSS Council Schedule for FY22 be approved. Stephanie Stebens seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

All council members voted aye. The FaDSS Council Schedule for FY22 was approved.

**Committee Work**

**Grant Review Committee – PJ West**

PJ West gave updates to the Council. The DCAA is working on the following items:

- Increasing the 10% non FIP eligibility to include all low income families at or below 175% poverty level. This has been proposed to the Department of Human Services. DCAA
- DCAA continues to work with the SPARK team to help determine the role of virtual visits post pandemic.
- Case weighting, funding formula using the 100% federal poverty level from 2019 census.

The Grant Review committee met on April 29<sup>th</sup> regarding the funding formula and how the changes may affect the grantees. DCAA is meeting with the grantees to gather their input and information for the July Grant Review Committee.

**Equity Committee- Page Eastin**

Page Eastin updated the Council about the Equity Committee and training. The Equity cohort has been working with Buffy Jameson who has provided trainings and assignments.

**Covid-19 Updates – Lorie Easter**

Lorie Easter gave an update to the Council about the FaDSS Program in relation to Covid-19. FaDSS continues to be status quo with the policy and procedures that were put in place in March 2020. Lorie thanked all the grantees for keeping in touch with families during the pandemic. We will continue to assess the CDC guidelines and access legal counsel to determine any changes to the policies and procedures in the future. Zebulon Beilke-McCallum asked Lorie to give more information about talking to families about virtual visits. Lorie and Page talked to seven families to get their input and feedback about virtual visits and most of them expressed that they miss the human connection but are grateful that services continued virtually during the pandemic. Surveys were also sent to families and 65 responses were received.

**Trainings – Lorie Easter**

Lorie Easter gave an update to the Council about training initiatives. DCAA continue to offer individual training for work preparedness to specialists as well as disability training. DCAA continues to offer monthly lunch and learns.

**June FaDSS Council Meeting** – Lorie Easter (After quorum was established)

The Council will need to meet in June to approve the new budget allocations to grantees. Lorie will send out a Doodle Poll to the Council to determine the date of the June meeting.

**Motion:**

Zeb Beilke-McCallum moved that the FaDSS Council meet in June to approve the new budget allocations. Stephanie Stebens seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

All Council members voted aye. The Council approved a June meeting.

**Other Business** – All Staff

There was no other business.

**Adjournment** – PJ West

**Motion:**

Stefanie Stebens motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Paige Buchanan seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

All Council members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.